

of this Province and to insure the same and the Amount to charge to L. H. J.
Account of the Province of Maryland in Account of the sum afore- Liber No. 46
said.

This Act to continue until the Twenty-ninth Day of September which shall be in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Fourty eight and no longer.

M^r Speaker communicates to the House the following Message from the Governor Viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

I am really concerned you should think your selves under any necessity of repeating the Request of former Assemblies to have the amount of the 14^d per Tun and 12^d per Hogshead from the Naval officers especially as I am obliged to give you almost the same Answer I did before to them, and which I did not doubt would then have been satisfactory

The Naval officers have already informed the late Lower House of Assembly that they have received Ever since the year 1733, and still continue to receive, the 12^d per Hogshead by Virtue of the Act made in the Year 1704 Entitled An Act for Settlement of An Annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being, and if she have any particular Instructions besides that Act to Authorize that receipt, I shall order Copies of them to be authenticated and delivered to the Gentlemen mentioned in your Address. You are sensible the Naval Officers constantly lay before the Lower House their annual Acc^{ts} upon Oath by which the number of Hogsheads exported appear and consequently how many shillings are received every year by Virtue of that Act so that the Quantum for the whole or any Number of Years since 1733 is very readily seen and known from those Accounts examined by and Lodged with your House And if you desire those Accounts delivered from time to time to the Lower House or Copies of them to be authenticated under the Great Seal I will give Directions Accordingly. p. 605

As to the 14^d per Ton, whatever Dispute you may now think fit to make on that Head, yet you cannot be unapprized that his Lordship and his Ancestors have received this Payment by Virtue of their Proprietaryship distinct from the Government even when the Administration was not in their Hands and that this Right has been solemnly determined by his late Majesty King William in Council to be due to the Proprietary without any Reference to the Government This Duty therefore must be considered as his Lordships private Property and I really do not think myself at Liberty to make any Person acquainted with this or any other Branch of his Lordships private Estate especially when the Information is sifted upon as this is to be due in point of Right.